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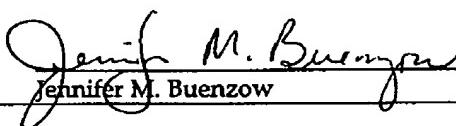
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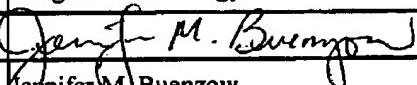
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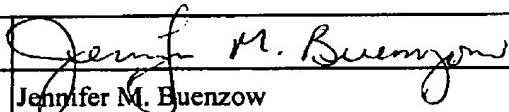
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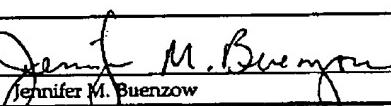
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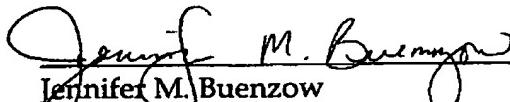
ELECTION UNDER RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This election is responsive to the restriction requirement mailed on February 3, 2006, setting a one-month period for response.

Applicant elects without traverse Invention I, including claims 1-7, 9-13 and 15-18.

Respectfully submitted,
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